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DA says man murdered for asking partygoer to be quiet

► Allston party guest, 24, pleads not guilty to fatally stabbing 21-year-old New England Institute of Art student
 ► Officials say fight ensued after victim tried to quiet suspect ► Suspect's attorney: It was self-defense {page 02}

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Radio. Changes



► WTKK 96.9 FM is the fourth Boston radio station to change its format since June. It joins 103.3 and 101.7 FM, as well as 850 AM, in trying out something new. {page 04}

Hub's radio formats changing yet again

films

Watts going on with the new tsunami film

► Naomi talks about clinging to a tree for hours to do 'The Impossible' {page 13}



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In the news

\$23M

The 2012 tax holiday cost the state \$23.3 million in revenues, said Department of Revenue Commissioner Amy Pitter Monday in a letter to Comptroller Martin Benison. Taxpayers dodged sales tax on Aug. 11 and 12, when state officials suspended the 6.25-percent sales tax with the hope of jump-starting the economy. **METRO**

Today's local tweet



"Man the pretentiousness of the people here is out of control! No wonder they call em 'Mass-holes'. #Boston #howrude"

@WORSHIPLDROOPS, WHO OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T WORSHIP BOSTON

In the news



Brown says special Senate run is 'tempting'

MASSACHUSETTS. During an appearance on the final "Jim and Margery Show" on WTKK-FM yesterday, Sen. Scott Brown said entering the expected Senate special election to succeed Sen. John Kerry was "awfully tempting." Brown knocked Senate contender Rep. Ed Markey as well. Brown said he's seen most other members of the state's congressional delegation on weekend plane rides to and from Washington and questioned whether Markey lives in Massachusetts.

"I have never seen Ed on the airplane, ever," Brown said. **SHNS**

Feds OK BU biolab

BOSTON. A federal health agency gave its approval to the controversial Boston University biolab.

The approval by the National Institutes of Health was published yesterday and said the lab poses minimal risk to the surrounding community.

The National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories must still secure approval from the city's public health commission and state environmental affairs agency before research on the deadliest diseases can begin. **METRO**

Tip leads to gun, ammo arrest in South Boston

BOSTON. A tipster's 911 call led to the seizure of a semi-automatic mini-rifle and four dozen rounds of ammunition from a man with no license to possess either.

Alexis A. Laboy, 24, of South Boston was arraigned yesterday for unlawful possession of a Calico M-100 and 48 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition.

Laboy allegedly had the firearm wrapped in a plastic shopping bag. **METRO**

DA: Request for quiet preceded fatal stabbing at Allston apartment

► Brighton man pleads not guilty to murder ► His attorney says incident was self-defense ► College student remembered as a talented drummer



► A group of young adults became emotional during Brian MacDonald's arraignment yesterday at Brighton District Court.

ANGELA ROWLINGS/POOL PHOTO



► The scene was still blocked off yesterday.

Quoted

"This is not a murder case. This is not a first- or second-degree murder case."

ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT BRIAN MACDONALD

Victim remembered

Spaulding was a student at the New England Institute of Art in Brookline.

About eight of Spaulding's friends attended the arraignment of his accused murderer but did not want to speak with reporters.

Some of them left the courtroom crying.

Allison Bubello, a fellow student at the school, said in an e-mail that she was not at the party and did not know what happened, but she said Spaulding "never once seemed to have a violent streak in him."

"He was always a respectable, well-spoken guy," she said.

Bubello also said Spaulding was "an amazing drummer" with a remarkable passion for



► Spaulding

About Spaulding

"He was always a respectable, well-spoken guy."

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"An amazing drummer."

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the drums.

"The students of [the Institute of Art] are going to be affected by this for a long time," she said.

Quoted

"This case is just a sad, sad situation for everyone involved — for the parents, for the victim and for the defendant." HOOPES

MacDonald then fled the scene with a cut hand.

Broadbent said police were able to identify MacDonald as a suspect because of witness statements, video surveillance of him fleeing the scene and the blood trail from his cut hand that led officers toward his home.

MacDonald's attorney, Tom Hoopes, suggested that the stabbing was an act of self-defense.

He said MacDonald's criminal history consists of a speeding ticket, that he has spent his entire life in the Greater Boston area and was recently promoted to an assistant manager at a local Sears auto shop.

"This is not a murder case. This is not a first- or second-degree murder case," said Hoopes as he suggested his client was defending himself.

MacDonald's mother attended yesterday's arraignment but did not comment to reporters at the hearing.

"This case is just a sad, sad situation for everybody involved — for the parents, for the victim and for the defendant," Hoopes said.



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News in brief

Menino warns of chilly weather

BOSTON. Mayor Thomas Menino warned residents yesterday to prepare for frigid temperatures by making homes weather-tight and ensuring heating systems are running properly and adequately fueled.

"As temperatures drop in Boston, we're encouraging residents, landlords and property managers to be proactive in servicing their home plumbing and heating systems," Menino said yesterday.

Menino also asked neighbors to look out for one another, and to take appropriate safety measures to prepare for the cold. **METRO**



▶ Menino

Woman hit, killed by Amtrak train

ATTLEBORO. A woman was struck and killed by an Amtrak Acela Express train that was headed from Washington, D.C., to South Station, according to transit officials.

The train was traveling in the Northeast Railroad Corridor in Attleboro when it hit the woman around 1:20 p.m. Rail service in both directions was immediately suspended.

"It's unclear why she was on the Acela tracks. Transit Police detectives are investigating," a T spokesman said. **METRO**

Avis to pay \$500 million for Zipcar

CAMBRIDGE. The Avis Budget Group, a New Jersey-based car rental service, will shell out about \$500 million to buy Zipcar, a Cambridge-based car-sharing network that has been around since 2000.

Under the deal, Zipcar will operate as a subsidiary of Avis. It will continue with its move to new headquarters in Boston's Innovation District. **METRO**

Don't touch that dial: Boston's radio formats keep changing

It seems like everyday they're shuffling.

Radio station WTKK (96.9 FM) switched from a talk format to music yesterday. It was the latest format change for Boston-area radio, which has heard multiple popular and far-reaching stations flip programming in recent months.

But industry experts said the sudden, multiple shifts are not new and represent changes radio has historically endured.

"When one station changes, it changes the dynamics of the marketplace in terms of everybody's track. [Stations] are jostling for position and market share. It's part of the nature of radio — everybody squeezing down little narrow tracks trying to find their niche," said Michael Harrison, who publishes industry trade magazines including Talkers and RadioInfo.

But format flips are not the only changes radio stations and their owners need to make, ac-



▶ "We have to constantly adjust how we approach our programming to reflect where people go for music," said Jack Casey of WERS.

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Station switches

- ▶ June — 103.3 WODS oldies switches to 103.3 Amp radio, a Top 40 station.
- ▶ July — 101.7 WFNX became The Harbor, which offered to "play anything." The station again switched formats to

electronic dance last month.

▶ October — 850 AM WEEI switches to ESPN Radio.

▶ January — 96.9 WTKK switches from talk to hip-hop and R&B music. It's owner, Greater Media, said in a statement that "more surprises [will] take place during the upcoming week."

cording to Harrison.

"The biggest challenge is [integrating] with digital media without being consumed by it and losing identity," he said. "It's about how to avoid becoming just a utilitarian music service or background talk."

Jack Casey, the general manager Emerson College's station, 88.9 WERS, said the station's staff is successful in part because of their integration with social media.

"We rely a lot on social media," he said. "We have a very robust Facebook presence, and our students tweet [regularly]."

That's important, Casey said, because of the rise in popularity of digital music options.

"People have more choices now in terms of where they can go for music, and radio has to recognize that and can't rest on its laurels from 30 years ago."



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News in brief

New commuter coaches tested

The MBTA announced yesterday that it is entering the final phase of testing and inspecting four new commuter rail coaches that are expected to be in service this winter.

The four coaches arrived in November, two months after transit officials flew to South Korea to track down 75 double-decker trains.

The bi-level coaches are two years late, but they will be the commuter rail's first new cars in five years and will allow several 20- to 30-year-old coaches to be retired. The trains will feature Wi-Fi, tables and real-time LED signs as well as restrooms.

There was no word yesterday on when the next batch of new trains will arrive, but the majority of coaches are expected to be in service by July 2014. **METRO**



Death. Investigation



► Boston Police responded to reports of a body found at 1202 Commonwealth Ave. yesterday afternoon.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Body found in Comm Ave. alley

The body of a person was found in an alleyway off of Commonwealth Avenue yesterday afternoon. Officers responded to the 1200 block of Commonwealth Avenue just after noontime. Police said the death appeared to be a suicide based on a preliminary investigation. No more information was immediately available. **METRO**

Pot shops on hold while health officials work on regulations

Medical marijuana became legal on Tuesday, but those planning to light up will have to wait until the Department of Public Health figures out how to regulate it.

That could take up to four months, so until then, questions remain on how and where it will be dispensed.

Boston City Councilor Robert Consalvo wants zoning in place as soon as possible.

"Whatever the number [of dispensaries], we need to make sure it is done right," Consalvo said, adding that he hopes city officials will have a draft in place by the end of February.

He estimates the city could get up to four dispensaries.

Dr. Bruce Bedrick, the CEO of MedBox Inc. in Natick, called his company's fingerprint-con-

What's next?

The law went into effect Tuesday. So what happens now?

► The Department of Public Health has until May 1 to put regulations in place that reflect public input.

► Until that happens, marijuana dispensaries can't open, and the health department can't give out registration cards.

► But patients can get a doctor's written recommendation to act as a medical marijuana registration card, and the law also lets patients cultivate their own limited supply of marijuana while regulations are being worked out.

trolled dispensing systems a safe way to store and distribute medical marijuana.

"If a patient has violated the legal amount they are allowed to have in 60-day time frame, or if their fingerprint doesn't match, it won't dispense," Bedrick said.

It is too soon to know if the health department will require the machines, but while officials work out the regulations, some Bay State towns are working to keep out dispensaries.

For now, it doesn't look like Boston has any objections.

"We understand that now it is legal and we want to make it accessible for [patients]," Consalvo said.



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Fiscal cliff did nothing to dampen holiday spending

NEW YORK. The "fiscal cliff" drama that dominated the news and spooked businesses and financial markets did little to dampen spending by shoppers this holiday season.

A new Reuters/Ipsos poll shows nearly three-quarters of Americans said the debate around the fiscal cliff had no impact on their holiday spending. Fewer than 20 percent of those polled said they spent less during the season than they did in the 2011 holidays, according to the poll.

Holiday season sales overall

— including December sales data from several chains due this week — were likely good, but not great. The expected rise in 2012 holiday spending is poised to show the smallest year-over-year gain since the recession led to a sales drop in 2008. Various estimates suggest that U.S. sales in November and December combined grew at a low single-digit pace, slower than in 2011 and 2010. **REUTERS**

Wall Street gains on cliff deal

NEW YORK. U.S. stocks began the new year with a broad rally yesterday, sparked by a last-minute deal in Washington to avert the "fiscal cliff" of tax hikes and spending cuts that threatened to derail the economy.

In 2013's first trading session, the S&P 500 was on target for its best percentage gain since Nov. 19 and highest close since Oct. 19.

Congress passed a bill to prevent huge tax hikes and delay spending cuts that would have pushed the world's largest economy off a "fiscal cliff."

REUTERS

Penn State sanctions will harm local economy, says Pa. governor in court bid

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett said yesterday he will ask a federal court to throw out the multimillion-dollar sanctions levied by the NCAA against Penn State University over the Jerry Sandusky sex-abuse scandal, saying the punishment threatens to cause devastating damage to the state's residents and economy.

The sanctions, which included an unprecedented \$60 million fine, are "overreaching and unlawful," the governor said at a news conference in State College where the university is located.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, the governing body of U.S. collegiate sports, fined Penn State \$60 million in July and voided its football victories for the past 14 seasons in

"I cannot and will not stand by and let it happen without a fight."

CORBETT

▶ Corbett rejected any political motivation for the lawsuit.



a dramatic rebuke for its failure to stop Sandusky's sexual abuse of children.

"This was a criminal matter, not a violation of NCAA rules," Corbett said. He added that he believed the NCAA acted as it did because it benefited from the sizable penalty.

"These punishments threaten to have a devastating, long-

lasting and irreparable effect on the state, its citizens and its economy," the governor said.

The Republican governor has come under criticism for his handling of the scandal, which was revealed by a grand jury he convened in 2009 when he was Pennsylvania's attorney general.

State Attorney General-elect

\$50M

Per the governor's office, Penn State football was the second-most profitable collegiate athletic program in the nation in 2010-11 when it brought in \$50 million, earning more than \$5 million in tax revenue.

Kathleen Kane, a Democrat, said during her campaign last year that by convening the grand jury, Corbett failed to protect children by delaying prosecution for more than two years. She has vowed to probe his handling of the case. Corbett has said he would welcome such an investigation.

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Young, urban Indians find new political voice after gang rape, death of student

When Preeti Joshi heard of the gang rape of a fellow student, she joined a movement of thousands of outraged young Indians who have taken to the streets of New Delhi almost every day protesting for justice and security for women.

Beaten and raped by five men and a teenager on a moving bus in the capital on Dec. 16, the 23-year-old student died from her injuries on Saturday, her plight shaking the conscience of many urban middle class Indians who consider gender rights as important as poverty alleviation.

India's politicians, seen as out of touch with the aspirations of the urban middle class, have been caught off guard by the protests.

For the first time, they head into national elections due by May 2014 with women's rights as an issue. Even so, the issue is unlikely



► Young girls attend a prayer ceremony for a rape victim after a rally.

VIRENDRA SINGH GOSAIN/HINDUSTAN TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

Government under fire

The government's initial response to the attack drew criticism.

It angered protesters by trying to throttle the largely peaceful demonstrations by imposing emergency policing laws, barricading roads and

closing down train stations. And it was a week before Prime Minister Manmohan Singh made a statement in which he appealed for calm and promised to create a safer environment for women. One government official said Singh had been waiting for the home minister and the Delhi authorities to deal with the issue first.

Quoted

"The girl's assault and death were the lancing of wounds that have festered for years. Women had shut up for fear of social pressures, but now there's a collective voice to demand change."

RENUKA CHOWDHURY, PARLIAMENTARIAN

"This is for the first time, perhaps, that politicians are seeing women as a constituency."

CHOWDHURY

to be the defining one.

Massive rural vote banks have been untouched by demands for gender equality and the fury across India's cities may fade, just as unprecedented protests in New Delhi over corruption did 16 months ago.

"Rural populations in this country are more concerned about basics such as development," said Ranjana Kumari, director of the Centre for Social Research, a Delhi-based gender rights think-tank. This jars with what urban protesters like Joshi want.

"I thought we lived in the world's biggest democracy where our voices counted and meant something.

"Politicians need to see that we need more than bijli, sadak, paani (power, roads, water)," said Joshi, 21, a student of social sciences at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University. **REUTERS**

In the news

UN lifts Syrian death toll to 'shocking' 60K

More than 60,000 people have died in Syria's uprising and civil war, the United Nations said yesterday, dramatically raising the death toll in a struggle that shows no sign of ending.

In the latest violence, dozens were killed in a rebellious Damascus suburb when a government air strike turned a petrol station into an inferno, incinerating drivers who had rushed there for a rare chance to fill their tanks, activists said. "The number of casualties is much higher than we expected and is truly shocking," U.N. Human Rights Commissioner Navi Pillay said. **REUTERS**

59,648
Number of people killed in Syria from March 15, 2011 to Nov. 30, 2012

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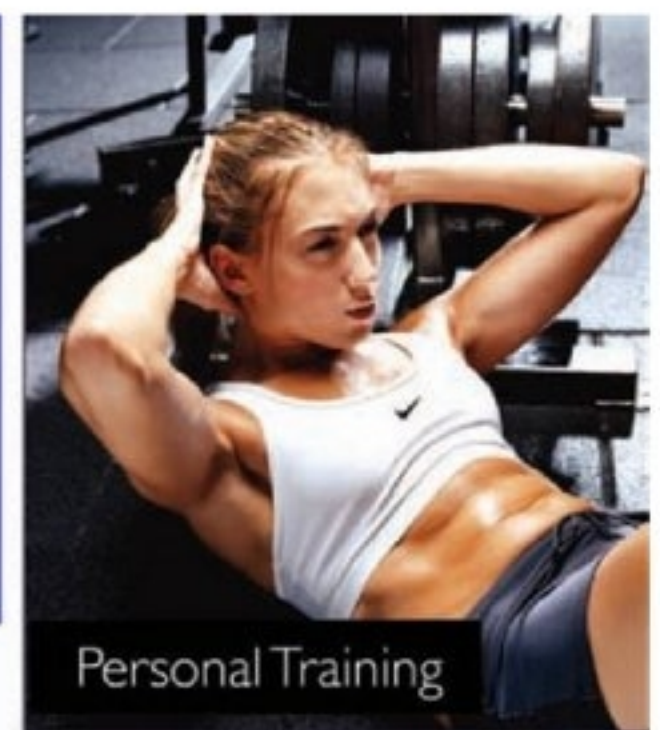
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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) [dorothy.robinson@metro.us](#)

► Welcome back to the daily grind, dear readers ► If you're nervous that you lost your gossip know-how along with your sanity over the holiday break, have no fear ► Here is what you may have missed while you were trying to survive your dysfunctional family

Gossip news you may have missed over break

Kate Winslet married some dude with a ridiculous name

Yes, the Oscar-winner secretly married a man who changed his name to **Ned Rocknroll**. Rocknroll is **Richard Branson's** nephew, and he and the actress wed in front of her two children and a small number of friends in early December. **Leonardo DiCaprio** gave her away. Winslet's spokesman said: "The couple had been engaged since the summer." I guess it could be worse. She could have married someone named Evan Easy Listening.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (very allegedly) got married

The Telegraph reports that the Most Famous Couple in the World™ got hitched on Christmas Day in the Turks and Caicos in front of their children

and **Brad's** close family. Is it me or is this the most anticlimatic celebrity marriage ever? Unless the two reenacted the nuptials of **Pamela Anderson** and **Kid Rock** with **Jolie** drunkenly donning a white bikini and sailor cap while chugging from a champagne bottle, I couldn't care less.

Kim Kardashian is pregnant with Kanye West's baby

Oh boy. Just when you thought **Kardashian** couldn't top that time she filed for divorce 72 days after her over-the-top, televised wedding to **Kris Humphries** in terms of media manipulation, girlfriend goes ahead and gets knocked up by **Kanye West**. The rapper broke

the happy news on Sunday night to his audience at Revel Resort's Ovation Hall. In a song mentioning **Kardashian**, he revealed, "Now you having my baby." Gossips the world over are hard at work trying to figure out how far along **Kardashian** is

(TMZ is saying 12 weeks) and the mom-to-be told "Entertainment Tonight" that so far, "I wouldn't say it has been easy but no morning sickness." The sage of our times also noted that pregnancy "is not as easy as people think." Is this news boring to you? Get over it — everything she has to say about this fetus will be recounted ad nauseum for the next eight or so months of your life.

Zolciak on losing the baby weight

Just four months after giving birth to son **Kash**, her second baby in 15 months, reality star **Kim Zolciak** shows off her post-baby body in the new issue of *Life & Style*. "I've lost 30 pounds," the "Real Housewives of Atlanta" star reveals. "I'm only 5 to 8 pounds above my weight before I got pregnant. I think breastfeeding helped me lose some weight, and I was really busy as soon as I got home with **Kash**. I went



straight into filming my spin-off show, 'Don't Be Tardy...' [which returns to Bravo in the spring], and I'm sure that helped. I just never sat still!" But she still hasn't met her target. "I'm a size 4 right now, and my goal is to get down to a size 2," she notes. "I'm accepting that I'm going to have to hit the gym — my girls [**Brielle**, 15, and **Arianna**, 11] laugh and say there's no chance, but I really think I'm going to have to."

The proud parents-to-be



Talking points

Ke\$ha opens up to Seventeen magazine

Ke\$ha tells the latest issue of *Seventeen* that the sex of a person she wants to date doesn't matter. Instead, she looks at the whole person. "I don't love just men. I love people. It's not about a gender. It's just about the spirit that exudes from that other person you're with,"

she tells the magazine. She also recounts how she uses setbacks she experienced earlier in her life to motivate her career. "I remember every person who told me I couldn't do something or that I was ugly or too fat. I have a 's— list' — people from my past who have been soulless and judgmental. Even after I got through my awkward phase, got my braces off and figured out how to dress my body, people in the music business were like, 'You're never going to make it.' I see them now and I'm like, 'Ha!'"

The feed ...

► Celebrities rang in the new year on Twitter.

@ChrisColfer: Happy New Year everyone! Hope 2013 is everything you want it to be! Unless you're a Mayan enthusiast, then my condolences.

@azizansari RAMP UP 2013 RIGHT NOW, THROW ON MARK MORRISON'S RETURN OF THE MACK RIGHT NOW

@ConanOBrien: To ring in the New Year, I'm heading to D.C. to watch Congress drop the ball. #whatdoyoumean-imthe5000000thperson to makethisjoke?

@KatieCouric: In 2013 I am going to try to declutter my life. Floss more. Write more handwritten thank you notes. What about you??

@Snooki: I LOVE U! Ur amazing and you made my 2012 AMAZING! Thank u for giving me Lorenzo, I love my family. NOW LETS GET MARRIED! @JLaValle



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Celebrities hard at work on New Year's Eve

1: Dennis Thomas of Kool & the Gang raised a glass at the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek in Coconut Creek, Fla.

2: Psy rocked Times Square in front of a mini NYE Waterford crystal ball.

3: Carmen Electra was the special guest at the New Year's Eve celebration at The Palazzo in Las Vegas.

4: Justin Bieber was the featured performer in Los Angeles for "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve."

5: Anthony Kiedis of the Red Hot Chili Peppers performed at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas.

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Damon talks 'all-consuming' 'Promised Land'

► The actor, producer and writer explains why firing himself was the best decision he made for his latest film

Already an accomplished actor and an Oscar-winning screenwriter, Matt Damon was set to make "Promised Land" his directorial debut. Damon co-wrote the film with co-star John Krasinski, and he also serves as a producer. So maybe directing was one job title too many. "John and I joke that my best contribution as a producer was firing myself," Damon says with a laugh.

Instead, Damon hired his "Good Will Hunting" and "Gerry" boss, Gus Van Sant, to direct

Quoted

"John [Krasinski] and I joke that my best contribution as a producer was firing myself." DAMON

the film. "I would've liked to have done it, but I love working with Gus," he says. "I learned more this time because I had prepared it as a director, and so

I saw all the things that he did that I was going to do, and then there were things that he did that I hadn't thought of."

Which isn't to say that Van Sant changed the vision for the film, which is about a natural gas huckster (Damon) suffering a crisis of conscience during a visit to a small town. "It is the full expression of this screenplay that we wrote. It is exactly what we wanted," Damon insists.

Aside from getting the chance to collaborate with Van



► Damon's "Promised Land" is in theaters now.

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Must-see



► Alexandra Daddario stars as Heather Miller in "Texas Chainsaw Massacre 3D."

'Texas Chainsaw 3D'

1 Leatherface has had as many incarnations in Holly-

wood as he has had gross homemade masks. This time a new cast of young unknowns do battle with the serial-killing power tool aficionado.

2 'The Impossible'

Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor star in this heartbreaking retelling of one family's real-life experience of surviving the 2004 tsunami in Thailand.

3 'Promised Land'

Matt Damon and John Krasinski co-star in this thoughtful film about one salesman's internal conflict when he attempts to push fracking onto a small town.

4 'Les Misérables'

Tom Hooper directs this adaptation of the world-famous musical set in early 1800s France, starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried.

5 'Django Unchained'

Quentin Tarantino returns with a revenge epic to rival his 2009 hit, "Inglourious Basterds." Jamie Foxx stars as a freed slave turned bounty hunter, out to rescue his wife, Broomhilda (Kerry Washington). METRO

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Naomi Watts accomplishes 'The Impossible'

► The Australian actress' new film about the 2004 tsunami left her clinging to a tree for hours



► Naomi Watts holds on tight in "The Impossible."

Naomi Watts has spent a lot of time getting to know Maria Belon, but her esteem for the Spanish woman has in no way diminished. Belon and her family survived the 2004 South Pacific tsunami and went on to inspire Watts' new film, "The Impossible." (The family has been recast as British for the movie.) "I was blown away by her," Watts remembers. "Having gone through this experience together and knowing what she went through, you want to hold onto everything she feels and says because you know how close she came. There's something now about her that makes her just understand life better and it's just deeply impressive. I'm full of self-doubt and second-guessing and cynicism. That's another type of human being."

Self-doubt aside, Watts could at least relate to Belon as a mother. "I'm not thinking about a tsunami on a daily basis," Watts admits. "I have fears about getting separated from my children just on the subway, you know? You laugh, but I've gone through in my head, 'What would I do?' It's happened on an elevator before. And then you're like, is your child going to know where to get off? Luckily it's only ever happened in our building, so it's OK. They know the number five."

Filming the harrowing and

Under water

Watts discusses working in a "water park":

► "Physically, it's the most demanding thing I've ever done. Working with water is always going to be tough. I mean, it was five or six weeks in those tanks," she says. Tom Holland, who plays her eldest son in the film, enjoyed himself. "Tom thought it was the most fun he's ever had," Watts says. "It was like the water park every day, but the scariest possible one."

hazardous scenes taking place in the immediate aftermath of the tsunami was no picnic for the actress—but she's not one to complain, always remembering to keep things in perspective. Watts remembers on particular scene where she clings to a tree as water rushes past. "I was there for a long time, but I was anchored with a harness. Still, with the pressure of the water coming you still had to hang on tight," says. "But you just kept reminding yourself, I'm not going to complain. I'm an actor recreating this. There were people who hung on to trees for 10 [or] 12 hours."

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Taking on the critics

The filmmakers behind "The Impossible" have come under fire for telling the story of the 2004 tsunami through the eyes of European tourists. But Maria Belon, the Spanish woman upon whom the story is based, has had enough. "I am fed up with the criticisms of it being in

English, a British family," Belon says. "I can't understand why people don't understand what the movie is about. The movie is about human beings. Under the wave ... we are so similar to each other. ... They are human beings. I feel this is an excuse to pick one stupid story like ours, one tiny story, to talk about the human spirit, to talk about what really matters and what doesn't really matter."

TV watch list

'Kathy Griffin: Kennedy Center On-Hers'

SPECIAL. The comedian takes on Miley Cyrus and the Real Housewives in her latest stand-up special—but not, as

far as we're aware, Anderson Cooper. She already had her way with him on New Year's Eve. 10 p.m., Bravo

'What Not to Wear'

REALITY. Clinton and Stacy offer wardrobe advice to '80s pop star Tiffany. Rule No. 1: Burn everything you wore as an '80s pop star. Season premiere, 10 p.m., TLC
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Even as the photos of Taylor Swift with new boyfriend Harry Styles are pouring in, the old ones of the superstar with ex-beau Conor Kennedy are still fresh in our minds. You remember them, don't you, those images of the two lovebirds smiling, hair blowing in the wind, as they walk on the beach or take a sail? Celebrities have to deal with this all the time: published pictures of ex loves. The images are out there, on magazine covers and blogs, impossible to erase completely even after they have moved on.

But what happens if you aren't in the public eye? Say, for example, that you've been dating for a few months now. Everything is great and your new relationship is growing at a comfortable rate. But last night he found that big box behind the couch, the one with all the pictures and letters from your old boyfriend. It was the first time you saw

Shrink Wrap



DR. JANE GREER

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him get really angry, jealous even. He accused you of holding onto the stuff because you are still attached to your ex. So what do you do? Do you have to get rid of it all? What if you don't want to?

The most important thing that can come into play here is communication.

Explain that you are not holding onto these things because you still have feelings for your former partner, but rather because you are holding onto the part of yourself you discovered then. In truth, it has less to do with the person you left behind and more to do with the shared history that was a

marker on your past. Instead of thinking of it as a barrier between you and your new partner, think of it as a bread crumb trail to who you were, and that way you can share how you've grown.

If, on the other hand, the mementos have no real meaning, then it is fine to just throw them out. But before you do that, accept that they can often be less about the person you were involved with and more about who you were when you were with that person. Knowing that gives clarity to the meaning of those pictures and letters.

— Relationship expert Dr. Jane Greer is creator of "Shrink Wrap" — national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships — and host of "Let's Talk Sex" at Healthlife.net. Her book, "What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship," is available nationwide.

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MASSACHUSETTS

Wachusett Mountain
www.wachusett.com
Summit Elevation: 2,006 ft.
Vertical Drop: 1,000 ft.
Number of Lifts: 8
Number of Trails: 22
Join AMP 103.3 at Wachusett Mountain on Saturday for The AMPalanche, which will be located at the base of the mountain from 10 a.m.-noon and from 3-5 p.m. in the lodge for Apres Ski Party. Listen to hit music and play games for your chance to win station prizes.

MAINE

Shawnee Peak
www.shawneepeak.com
Summit Elevation: 1,900 ft.
Vertical Drop: 1,300 ft.
Number of Lifts: 5
Number of Trails: 42
In an effort to get more kids from inner-city neighborhoods introduced to skiing and snowboarding, Shawnee Peak will hold a free Learn to ski or snowboard day for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Mass., on Saturday. The mountain provides free lift

Maine



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Number of Trails: 132
Longest Run: 15,840 ft.
Back by popular demand, College Week is Sunday River's answer to hitting the slopes

instead of the books. Running Jan. 7 through Jan. 11, this full week of college fun comes complete with parties, live concerts, comedy shows, special events, huge bonfires and amazing deals. All events are open to ages 18 years and older. Be sure to check out vacation packages available now, including the always popular College Week One-Night Stand and the College 5-Day Ski Week (for those more committed individuals).

tickets, lessons, rental equipment and subsidized food for 150 kids ages 8-15.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Loon Mountain
www.loonmtn.com
Summit Elevation: 3,050 ft.
Vertical Drop: 2,100 ft.
Number of Lifts: 12
Number of Trails: 60
Loon will hold its Skin and Ski Race on Saturday, in which competitors will skin up to a designated spot on the mountain and then race down through a gated course. This year there are two disciplines, Alpine Touring and Telemark, each will have its own podium spots and prizes. Sponsors include Village Ski and Sport, Black Diamond, Scott, Dynafit, 22 Designs, Blizzard, K2, Marker, Volkl.

Waterville Valley Resort
www.waterville.com
Summit Elevation: 4,004 ft.
Vertical Drop: 2,020 ft.
Number of Lifts: 12
Number of Trails: 52
Transworld Snowboarding TransAm rolls into Waterville Valley Resort with a bigger circus than many have seen. If you have been to the previous years, then you know that this is a unique

amateur slopestyle contest with a focus on fun. Come destroy the custom mini slopestyle setup. The Park Crew is getting pretty creative, coming up with a set up that it sure to blow your mind. First place male and female riders will automatically qualify to compete in the finals at Park City Mountain Resort in Utah. First-place qualifiers also win airfare to the finals courtesy of Zumiez, Park City VIP treatment courtesy of Skullcandy, and lodging during the TransAM finals weekend.

Cranmore Mountain Resort

www.cranmore.com
Summit Elevation: 2,000 ft.
Vertical Drop: 1,500 ft.
Number of Lifts: 10
Number of Trails: 54
Cranmore will be host to The Mountain Dew Vertical Challenge this Saturday — a fun and free event for all ages and abilities. There will be prizes, raffles and lots of Mountain Dew to sample. Skiers and snowboarders are divided into groups by gender and age and compete for gold, silver and bronze medals. There are plenty of prizes given away throughout the day.

VERMONT

Killington

www.killington.com
Summit Elevation: 4,241 ft.
Vertical Drop: 3,050 ft.
Number of Lifts: 22
Number of Trails: 140
Killington kicks off its Collegiate Winter Games beginning Monday and running through Jan. 11. Think you have what it takes to be the best? In this week-long event, college students will compete in a series of events including Mountain Ops, King of the Mountain and Sledding Derby. College ID is required to participate.

Okemo Mountain Resort

www.okemo.com
Summit Elevation: 3,344 ft.
Vertical Drop: 2,200 ft.
Number of Lifts: 19
Number of Trails: 119
Dig out that old red dress and support the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign taking place this Saturday. Don your finest red gear and take to the slopes to raise awareness of heart disease as the number one killer of women. The event begins at 9 a.m. for registration and a talk with survivors. Then join us for a ceremonial run down the hill. Discounted tickets will be provided to all participants.

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► Factories showed growth in December.

US factories finished strong in 2012

U.S. manufacturing ended 2012 on an upswing despite fears about the "fiscal cliff," data showed on Wednesday.

U.S. factories returned to growth in December after contracting the previous month, the Institute for Supply Management said.

"What is interesting in this report is that you would think the negative headlines surrounding the fiscal cliff would have put pressure on manufacturing," says Tom Porcelli, chief U.S. economist at RBC Capital Markets in New York.

Even as manufacturing grew, uncertainty remained for smaller businesses. Borrowing by small U.S. businesses rose marginally in November, according to the Thomson Reuters/PayNet

Small Business Lending Index.

"Small businesses were waiting to see what is happening with Washington. They were waiting for more consumer activity to emerge, really watching the front door for new sales to emerge, and it doesn't look like any major new influx of sales came in — they have really been on hold," PayNet founder Bill Phelan says.

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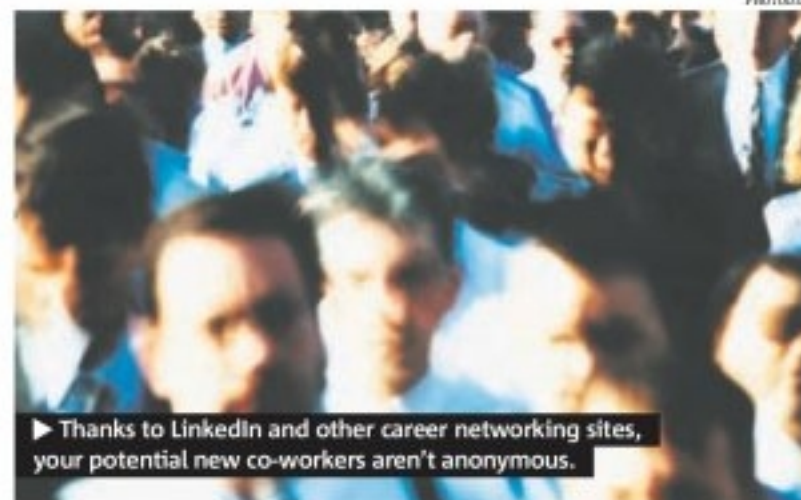
3 Ways you can crowdsource your job search

Any job-seeker can tell you the job market is tough right now. This makes it even more important to go into your interview armed with research and prepared for anything.

With social media tools, much of this research can now be crowdsourced through social channels. Your online pals and social media connections could hold the key to your dream job if you know who and what to ask. Here are three ways to get started:

Know the position

Not everything you need to know about the job is in the formal job description. The best place to find out what life is like in a given position is a space where people with that job title gather. This could be an industry-specific Twitter chat, a LinkedIn group or even a Meetup event. Once you've identified a source of contacts who can give you insight into the job, inquire politely if you can ask a few quick questions.



► Thanks to LinkedIn and other career networking sites, your potential new co-workers aren't anonymous.

Prepare for tough questions

► If you know what questions you're likely to be asked, you'll be better prepared with intelligent answers. Companies such as Google and Apple are notorious for asking weird, brain-teaser questions. You'll want to find out what the most common interview ques-

tions are so you're prepared for the basics. Then you'll want to discover what off-the-wall questions the company is likely to ask.

► There's no way to prepare for every curve ball, but using a site like Glassdoor can help. The site allows you to see the questions other users have been asked, which can be invaluable in your own interview prep so you're ready for even the toughest questions.

Most professionals are eager to help others and make new contacts and will be thrilled you turned to them.

Meet potential co-workers

Whether or not you'll enjoy a job can often have as much to do with who you work with as what you do. You'll want to know how well the team works together and how the office personalities mesh. If you're not directly connected with anyone in your prospective company on LinkedIn, you can always ask a connection to help you reach out. Utilize big social media networks like Facebook and Twitter to find current and former employees, then ask if they have a few moments to talk about the company. You might even invite a contact out for coffee to find out more about the company.

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The Social Media Guide



► Even under new laws, you need to think before you tweet.

Social media passwords off-limits to some employers

Employers in California and Illinois will be prohibited from demanding access to workers' password-protected social networking accounts thanks to new laws taking effect in 2013.

Michigan's Republican Governor Rick Snyder signed a similar measure. The Michigan law also penalizes educational institutions for dismissing or failing to

admit a student who does not provide passwords and other account information used to access private Internet and e-mail accounts, including social networks like Facebook and Twitter.

But workers and job-seekers in all three states will still need to be careful what they post online: Employers may continue to use publicly available social networking information — meaning that inappropriate pictures, questionable tweets and other social media indiscretions can still come back to haunt employees. **REUTERS**



► Get cozy with your calendar this year.

How to overcome your holiday work hangover

Now that all the festivities are over, you might find yourself dragging your feet on the way into the office. It's a holiday hangover, and it's slowing down your productivity at work. How do you reboot for the new year? We asked the experts.

Tie up any loose ends

Don't let a disorganized 2012 cast a shadow over this year's tasks. "If you have a to-do list that's left over from 2012, resolve to work through it this week," suggests Vicky Oliver, image consultant and author of "The Millionaire's Handbook."

"Stale old tasks left undone from the previous year can have a negative impact on your motivation."

Use that new calendar

Organization and time management become much easier when you put your calendar to work. "Consider marking specific blocks of time on your calendar for specific projects," says Shawnice Meador, director of career management at MBA@UNC. "Setting aside time for key daily objectives can really help you be more effective, and ultimately help you feel like you accomplished a lot

each day."

Spruce up your drab workspace

A little cubicle makeover can go a long way. "For this time of year — when the days are shorter and we have so many hours of darkness — I suggest that my clients bring more color into their life," explains success and wellness consultant Saideh Browne. "Brightly colored foods, or a brightly colored scarf, or even a brightly colored coffee mug will lighten the air and ward off spiritual and emotional heaviness."

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Your house is a bit smaller than US

RE: "A PENNY SAVED IS A PENNY EARNED" (METRO, JAN. 2) Letter writer Larry Penner makes the age-old mistake of equating government with an ordinary household. Government builds and maintains things like roads, armies, weather satellites, ports, parks, police, food inspection, disease research labs, immigration offices, schools and thousands of other things households of four can't and don't do. None of this is cheap or simple, so we need to stop treating it as if it is.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Too little, too late

Regarding the so-called fiscal cliff: It is better to wait and make a good deal than hurry

and make a bad deal.

EARL BARNETT, VIA E-MAIL

Stories don't die with old year

The biggest news stories of 2012 had to be Hurricane Sandy, which wreaked such devastation and whose effects will be felt by many for years to come. Some people will never regain what they once possessed.

Right on the heels of that is the Newtown massacre, which shook our nation's faith in humanity and again the devastation of those families and loved ones will be felt for years, perhaps forever.

Basically nothing can help a parent's pain and grief.

It's a long year, and we of-

"It's been a long year and we often forget those 'stories' at the beginning of the year." DIBELLO

ten forget those "stories" at the beginning of the year by the time the end comes. The sudden passing of Whitney Houston was a shock to many of her fans, and in some ways aged us all.

Finally the historic re-election of President Obama gave us faith that those regular people amongst us had a strong voice and vote. In that regard the biggest winners were the president, Democrat party and all those supporters, while Mitt Romney and the Republicans have to

go back to the drawing board and figure out why they are so disdained by the most populated states. Happy New Year.

DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL

What exactly did premiums pay for?

My New Year wish is for the insurance companies to get moving and send those checks so that people like myself can get our house back in shape. We reported the ground floor of our house was swept away by Hurricane Sandy a day or two after the storm hit.

We received a pitiful "advance payment," and since then no work has been done to restore the severe damage. This after 47 years of paying for insurance.

Congress has to act now to get these companies moving. Another wish (if they do not) is for every CEO in these businesses suffer the same fate.

Happy New Year!

HERB STARK, VIA E-MAIL

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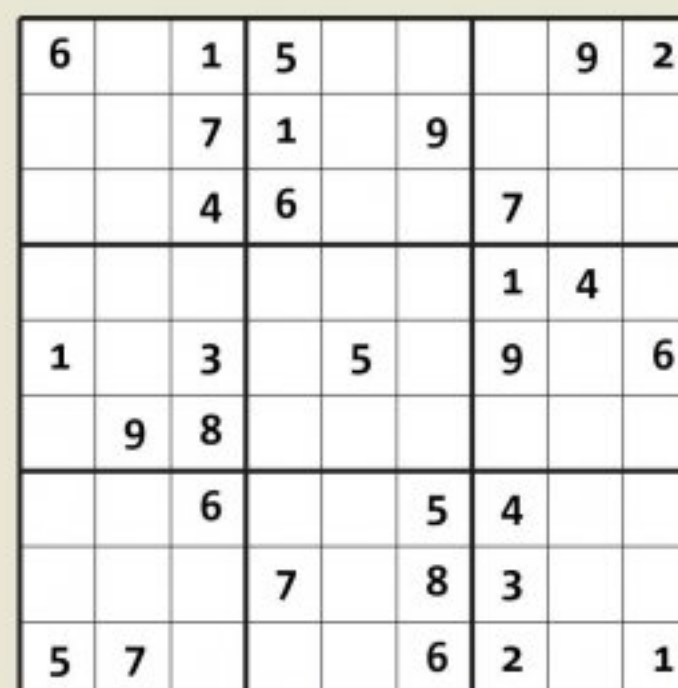
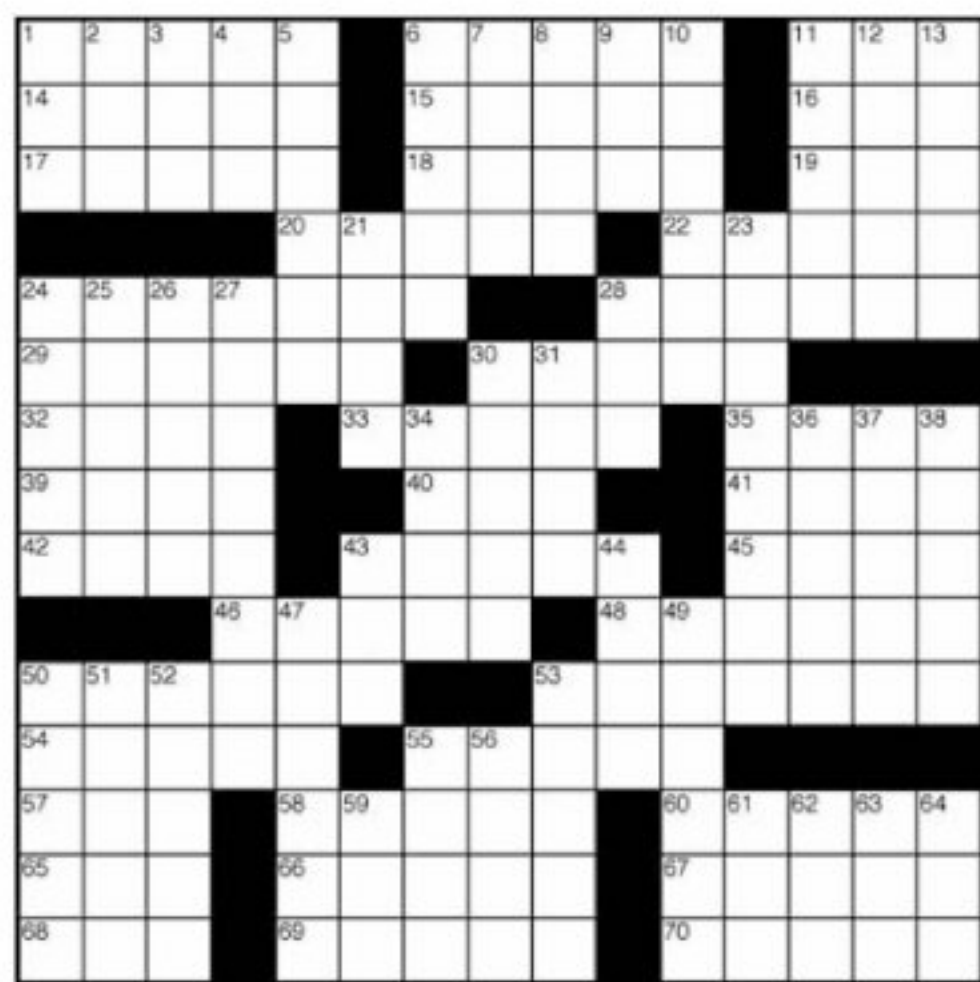
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Going along for the Rye

► New bar in Milton may Steel the Hub's thunder in the craft cocktail arena ► It's OK to rock the suburbs

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Pretty much the only thing you really want to know when you read a review of a new restaurant or bar is whether or not you should go. For Steel & Rye the answer is straightforward: Do you live anywhere near the Milton/Dorchester line? If so, then yes, go yesterday. This easily became the best restaurant and bar in the area the day it opened. It's probably worth a trip if you live in, say Watertown, and you have to drive 30 miles per hour all the way there in a dangerous snow storm, too.

The new opening from chef Chris Parsons (formerly of Parsons Table) and company

brings a taste of city refinement to the suburbs, with a menu of elegant rusticity and daily catch creativity. The space itself, a near 7,000-square-foot repurposed garage warehouse with 30-foot ceilings, an open kitchen and retractable walls for private dining is stunning. But for our purposes, bar-wise, it impresses as well.

The menu is a mix of classics with slight variations, and friendly introductions to lesser-appreciated spirits. The Mill takes bourbon, Cocchi Torino, sherry and Allspice Dram for a deep raisin nuttiness and bittersweet spice. The Verona By Night, made with vodka, grappa Combiere Fruit Rouge, Maraschino, lemon and grapefruit, is on the sweeter end of the spectrum, but makes for a nice gateway to grappa.

Bar manager Tracy Witkin, recently of Found on Elm, says for the bar program, she want-

What to order

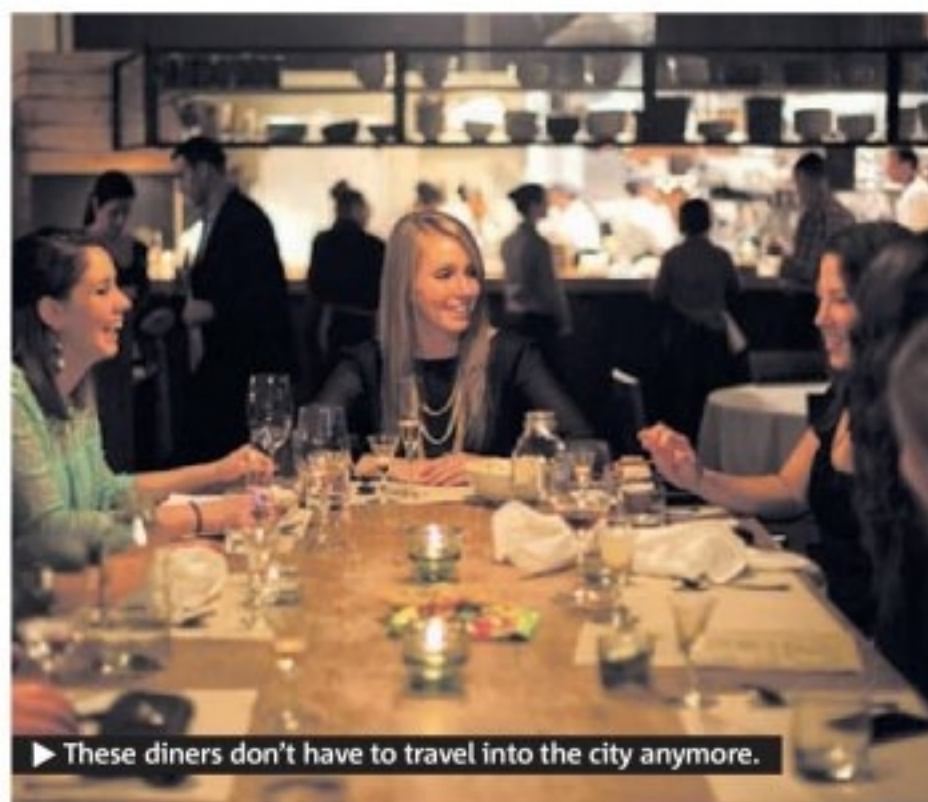
"I'm proud to have a Manhattan on the list," Witkin says. "I know it's a classic. It's a very simple drink, but my small twist is the addition of Carda-maró [the wine-based digestif flavored with cardoon and blessed thistle], made with rye and served down. I'm tired of the Manhattan being served up. I'm a klutz, but when people order

Manhattans you want to wrap your hands around a rock glass and have something comfortable."

While the rye list is still in building stages (they plan to roll out a selection that fits the name in the coming months), the best option is the High West Rendezvous Rye, a versatile rye-forward recipe, alternating between hot spice and smooth sweetness, and the occasional touch of briny pickle.



► Bar manager Tracy Witkin whips up craft cocktails at Steel & Rye.



► These diners don't have to travel into the city anymore.

ed to bring closer to home the type of thing that neighborhood residents had been traveling into the city for, but with a comfortable, approachable style.

"It's like living in Brookline or Newton," I overheard one local guest say to his friend. And he's right.

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LADIES STEP UP TO THE PLATE

► Hot Stove Cool Music joins luminaries from music and baseball to raise money for charity ► First outing of 2013 proves it's not just a boys' club ► Parkington Sisters, Tanya Donelly and Robin Lane talk rock and Sox

Hot Stove Cool Music, the bi-annual bash that combines local personalities from the worlds of rock and baseball to raise money for charity, is missing an important member of the team this year. But in both baseball and music, when one player can't be there — Letters to Cleo singer Kay Hanley has commitments in her longtime home of Los Angeles — the rest of the team steps up to the plate. With Tanya Donelly, Robin Lane and Cape-based quartet The Parkington Sisters signed up to bring the heat, the evening won't be a boys club. Metro held a baseball roundtable with the girls.

We know girls can rock, but can they play baseball?

Tanya Donelly: Yes, yes, they can, but why don't they? That's what I want to know. My daughters both pitch, hit and run, and they definitely notice the lack of ladies on the field.

Robin Lane: I played softball all my life. I like to play more than watch.

Nora Parkington: Hell, yes! Girls can play baseball! No one can touch my forkball.

Who is your all-time favorite Red Sox player?

TD: David Ortiz. Hands down. He brings great spirit to the game.

RL: Bill Lee. I just saw him the other night and have a swell picture of the two of us.



The return of Theo

Former Sox GM and current Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein will once again join his Hot Stove All-Stars bandmates — Peter Gammons, Buffalo Tom's Bill Janovitz and the Figgs' Mike Gent. "Glee" actor/comedian Mike O'Malley returns as the emcee. The show benefits Theo and Paul Epstein's Foundation To Be Named Later and the Jimmy Fund.

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► These Parkington Sisters are just four out of seven children, so they didn't cross the Cape Cod Canal to see the Sox when they were kids.



► Robin Lane is all about forgiving Buckner and "Forgiving Buckner."

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► Tanya Donelly is a big fan of Big Papi.

NP: I loved Varitek. He epitomized the hardworking player and he did his job as captain and brought the team together. Plus, he spent years on the Cape league, so that's a bonus point for this Fleetian.

Editor's note: A Fleetian is somebody from the town of Wellfleet.

What is your best baseball memory?

TD: Probably the most obvious one: Oct. 27, 2004. Actually, that whole season. Seeing those scruffy, scrappy guys all together for the first time, tuning in

for almost every game — [which was] a first for me, I regret to say.

RL: Listening to Sean and Suzi Lee's [of Boston band Slide] song "Forgiving Buckner."

NP: My first time at Fenway. I'm one of seven, so going to Boston to a baseball game was not possible as a kid. But it gave me that much more appreciation and excitement for my first game.

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COURTESY OF ROBIN LANE

Also onstage

The Whiskey Boys

Tonight, 8
Club Passim
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\$12, 617-492-7679
www.passim.org

This local "groovy modern bluegrass" act, led by fiddler David Delaney and appearing here as a newly-minted five-piece band, has a sound both pop-accessible and true to their folk roots. The pop side comes out more in the vocal numbers, but in the instrumentals, where Delaney's consummate fiddling takes center

On sale Friday

► **FM Belfast**
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stage, one feels transported from the club to the saloon.

Cathy Cathodic

Friday, 8 p.m.
Middle East Upstairs
472 Mass. Ave., Cambridge
\$9, 18+, 617-864-3278
www.mideastclub.com
Cathy Cathodic describes herself succinctly on her Last.fm

page as a "feminist underground hip-hop emcee based in Boston, Massachusetts." She keeps it fairly traditional stylistically, with a bouncy, gymnastic old-school flow and a lyrical preference for positive psychology and social realism over macho posturing and lurid fantasies that recalls the expansive spirit of golden age hip-hop.

Emmanuel Music: Bach Cantata Series

Sunday, 10 a.m.
Emmanuel Church
15 Newbury St., Boston
Free, 617-536-3356
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Emmanuel Music continues its heroically unceasing run-

through of Bach's cantatas with BWV 65, which concerns itself with the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem, contrasting the original prophecy of Isaiah with the actual Biblical event. Its opening portion, notable for its 9/8 time signature, has an Eastern flavor — well, as close to Eastern as a guy like Bach ever got, anyway.

Hospitality

Tuesday, 9 p.m.
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This Brooklyn-based indie pop band feels like a musical counterpart to Lena Dunham's "Girls" — frontwoman Amber



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KYLE DEAN REINFORD

Papini catalogues such twentysomething dramas as post-collegiate shiftlessness and romantic ambivalence with both sympathy and wryness, capturing the passionate mood swings rumbling

beneath this generation's coolly apathetic veneer. The bright, pleasant music has a shuffle similar to Vampire Weekend — fans of V.W. should especially dig them.

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- 1 oz. margarita mix
- ½ fresh banana

Mix all ingredients in a blender with ice and pour into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a banana slice.

A little taste of Liberty

► The new restaurant on the waterfront delivers big yums and even bigger views in an intimate 60-seat setting ► Definitely try the tenderloin

Nosh On

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The outside of 75 on Liberty makes the restaurant seem bigger than it actually is on the inside. It's kind of like the opposite of Doctor Who's Tardis. But this angular adjunct to the Liberty Wharf development is tiny, just 60 seats. The patio with its towering braziers and fire pit doubles the interior space, but in this age of supposed energy saving, why heat up the harbor?

Until warmer weather hits, the interior is warm and cheery and has a bold, traditional looking mahogany bar. The design star, however, is the unhindered view of the Fish Pier and harbor through the floor-to-ceiling windows.

The menu, designed by company chef Markus Ripberger, has an old-school attitude and includes a little bit of everything that most people might fancy: steak, fish, burger, pasta (even a vegetarian linguine with tomato, basil and mozzarella).

A gratis plate of cubed cheddar



► Diners enjoy the comfy digs of 75 on Liberty.

Cheers to the class of 75

75 on Liberty is the cozy neighborhood joint in a row of showy spots. Part of the

Hampshire House Corporation, it's a satellite to Beacon Hill's 75 Chestnut and a cousin of what has to be the most famous neighborhood hang in TV land, nearby Cheers.

dar cheese and crackers greets guests and, lactose intolerance aside, who argues with cheese? It goes great with drinks! As do meaty, succulent crab cakes with a contrasting zesty red pepper remoulade. Mistakenly, perhaps, the crab cakes are plated with a huge mound of tasteless sliced cucumber that looks unruly, adds nothing and, worse, detracts from the fish.

Most of the dishes simply get to the point without bells and whistles: a grilled salmon steak sits atop tasty spinach and green lentils; tenderloin medallions are just that — tender — and top garlic mash. Asparagus (the new broccoli) accompanies both.

Dessert is definitely a stop for the chocolate-fixated. Alongside several options for rich dark choc, a creamy white chocolate cheesecake with jammy raspberry swirls and a brulee top is best shared. Like 75 on Liberty, it packs a lot of punch into small space.

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CLIPPERS (25-7)

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THUNDER (24-6)

Had they beaten the Heat on Christmas, Oklahoma City would have retained its spot at No. 1. Even so, we could be seeing Round 2 of a Thunder-Heat NBA Finals come June. Not too mad about it.



SPURS (25-8)

The Spurs keep on keepin' on, having won six in a row. In a New Year's Eve game against the wayward Nets, San Antonio allowed just five third-quarter points. Five! To an actual NBA team!



HEAT (21-8)

Every good-to-great team has a few brain farts throughout the course of a season. Consider that to be the case in back-to-back losses against the Pistons and Bucks. No panic on South Beach.



WARRIORS (21-10)

Golden State has been feasting on East teams, going 13-2 this season against them. They play just one team from the East in the next three weeks.



KNICKS (21-10)

Are the Knicks coming back down to Earth? It appears so. They've lost five of their last eight, and they'll have to readjust with Amar'e Stoudemire back.



GRIZZLIES (19-9)

After starting off the year 12-2, the Grizz have gone an even 7-7 since. This is a team that thrives off production down low, but they'll need to score more in other ways to find real success this spring.



HAWKS (20-10)

It's nice that Atlanta will give the Heat some sort of competition in an otherwise atrocious division. Josh Smith and Al Horford are still trying to go from really good to great.



PACERS (18-13)

No team in the East has strung together a better performance than Indiana over the last 10 games (8-2). Those early-season issues are fixed.



ROCKETS (17-14)

The Rockets boast one of the league's best offenses, scoring at least 120 points seven times this season — two more than any other team.



NUGGETS (18-15)

The Nuggets did what no team had done since Nov. 28 — they beat the Clippers. Denver avenged its Christmas Day loss to LAC by beating them up good, 92-78, at home this week.



BUCKS (16-13)

We're well into the NBA season and Milwaukee is somehow, somehow still above water. Larry Sanders is averaging about three blocks per game.



BULLS (16-13)

Nobody wants to talk about the Bulls right now without Derrick Rose, but they could very well upset a team or two come playoff time.

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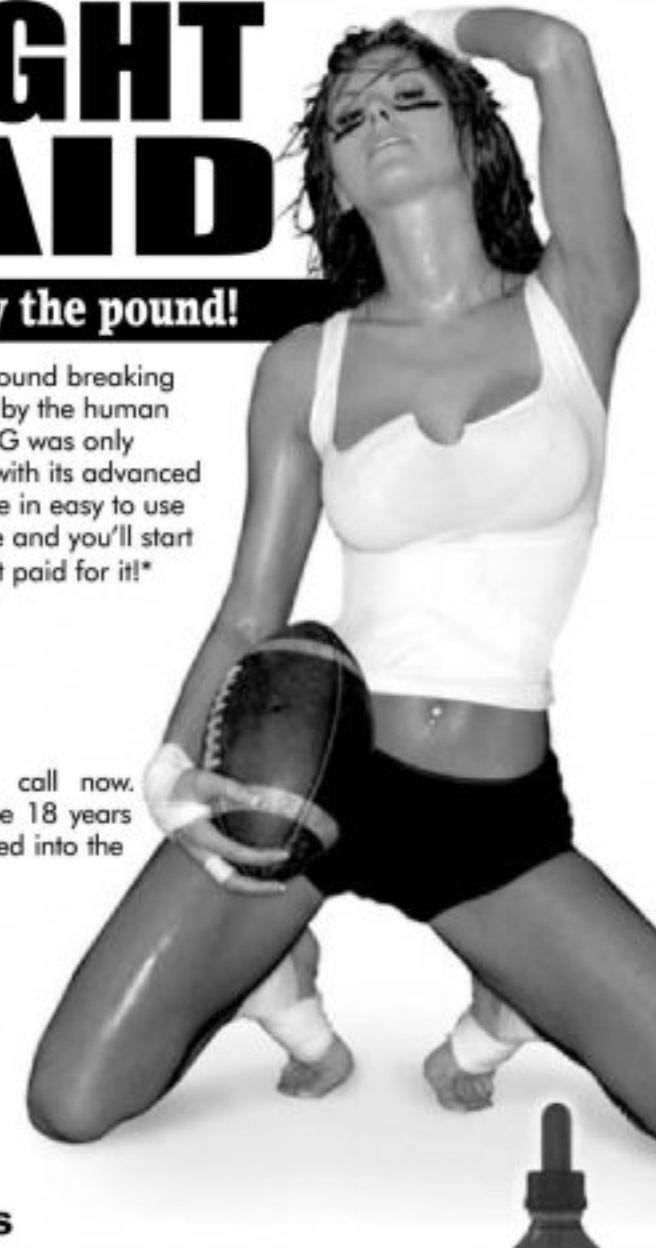
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McDaniels here for good?



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► Josh McDaniels, left, won't seek a head coaching job in the NFL for the 2013 season.

► Pats offensive coordinator won't seek head coaching job this year ► Was he promised anything by Patriots?

Early January is the most intriguing period of the NFL calendar, not just because of the start of the postseason, but because of the coaching carousel that ensues.

The Patriots are not immune to the league's head coach drama, as offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels is once again a hot commodity. McDaniels, however, seems content with staying in New England for at least another year despite several marquee jobs opening up.

"Though he'd like to be an HC again one day, Pats OC Josh McDaniels notified teams Monday he will remain in NE, not interview for HC jobs now," ESPN's Adam Schefter tweeted.

Openings such as "head coach of the Chicago Bears" or "head coach of the Philadelphia

Next in line?

► Josh McDaniels was the offensive coordinator for the NFL's top-scoring offense in 2007 and 2012. Last season, however, his offense in St. Louis ranked dead last.

Eagles" do not come around too often. The fact that McDaniels would not even talk to those teams regarding the vacancies has led many to believe that McDaniels will be Bill Belichick's successor in Foxboro.

Belichick will be 61 years old when the 2013 season begins and has hinted in the past that he does not want to become a Don Shula (who retired at 65) or Marv Levy (who retired at 72). The Pats coach has also

joked about Bill Parcells' propensity for flip-flopping about retirement in the past and has indicated that he will not go about things the same way.

"He's been talking about retirement since 1986," Belichick said about Parcells in the 2010 documentary "Bill Parcells: Reflections on a Life in Football."

Details on Belichick's contract have not been reported on since the beginning of the 2007 season. ESPN reported in September of that year that "Belichick and Patriots ownership recently agreed to a long-term contract extension. The pact will keep Belichick on New England's sideline through at least the 2013 season."



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HAVE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GONE UP?

By Attorney
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There is no more unpleasant New Year's surprise than to find a tax bill in your mailbox for your home or condo, especially if your taxes have gone up.

Massachusetts has a confusing way of taxing properties.

First of all, the tax year starts in July, not January (i.e. which the government calls a "fiscal year"). Fiscal year 2013 began last July 1, 2012.

Secondly, most cities and towns issue bills quarterly (Boston, Brookline) while some bill semi-annually (Cambridge, Cape Cod).

Changes in taxes, rates and valuations are announced in the middle of the tax year (January for quarterly taxpayers), not in the beginning (July). One must wait until January to find out what the taxes should have been last July.

If that isn't confusing enough, here's the tongue twister: any increase or decrease in the value of your property that appears in a January tax bill doesn't relate to the year in which the bill is issued; it relates to the previous tax year!!!

The value the city puts on your property that appears in the tax bill issued in January 2013 is what the city believes your property was worth on January 1st 2012 – one year ago!

Now try to figure that out!

Next week:

Filing for a Tax Abatement
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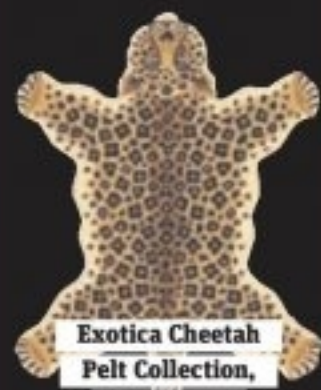


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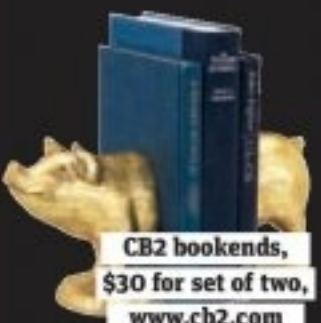
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► **Art Deco makes a comeback** ►
Say bye to all that chocolate brown you've been decorating with for the last few years ► **Luxe black and gold** are a big decor trend for 2013

Talk to any old-school interior designer and he or she will share the same rule: Every room needs a bit of black. The edgy shade sharpens up a bland space and adds a touch of sophistication

to your home. And it mingles especially well with gold. One color brings the drama and the other adds elegance.

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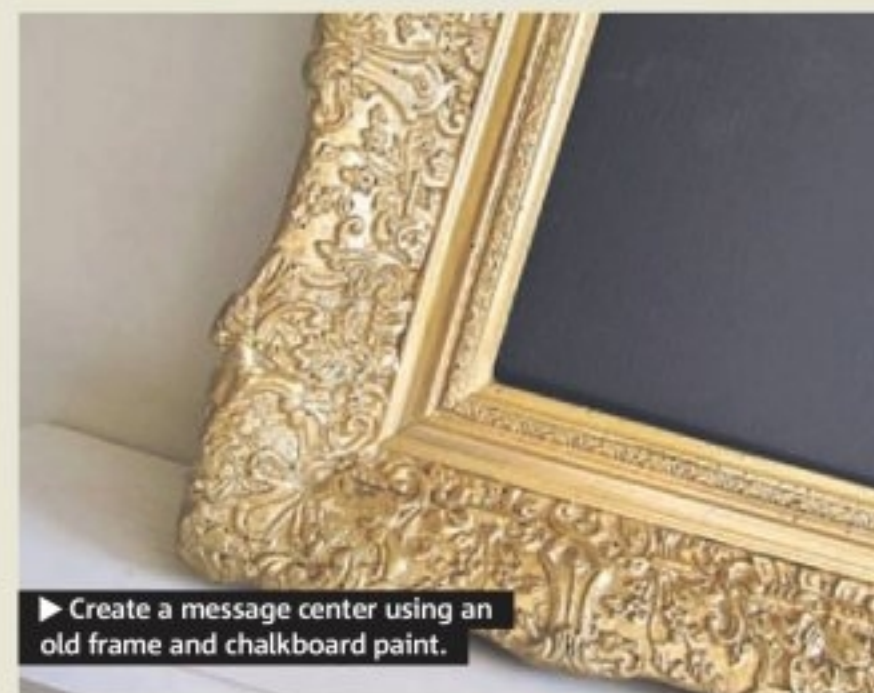
Don't overdo it

Maintain balance with the black-and-gold combination. To achieve a modern look, use 70 percent black and 30 percent gold; in a more traditional set-

ting, try using the reverse.



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► Create a message center using an old frame and chalkboard paint.

Upcycle to stay on trend in '13

One simple way to bring this trend into your home is to buy

a gilt frame at a thrift store. Insert a piece of thin board painted with black chalkboard paint. Hang it anywhere you need a message board.

A breath of fresh air for Davis Square

► It's not like the Somerville real estate market needs an iron lung to thrive, but a building where iron lungs were once made will improve the market's health

Within 24 hours of hitting the market at the end of 2011, the brokers for the new Emerson Lofts at Cottage Park in Cambridge received 32 phone calls from prospective buyers.

Four lofts are already under agreement, and construction began on the 16-unit project last summer.

"There's never enough property in Cambridge to have a whole building of 16 units," says Lisa Drapkin, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, which is marketing the units. "Cambridge is hot."

The project includes the conversion of a brick factory once home to the J. H. Emerson Company. The company created a ventilator device, known as the "Iron Lung," for treating



► A bedroom in the Lofts

The basics

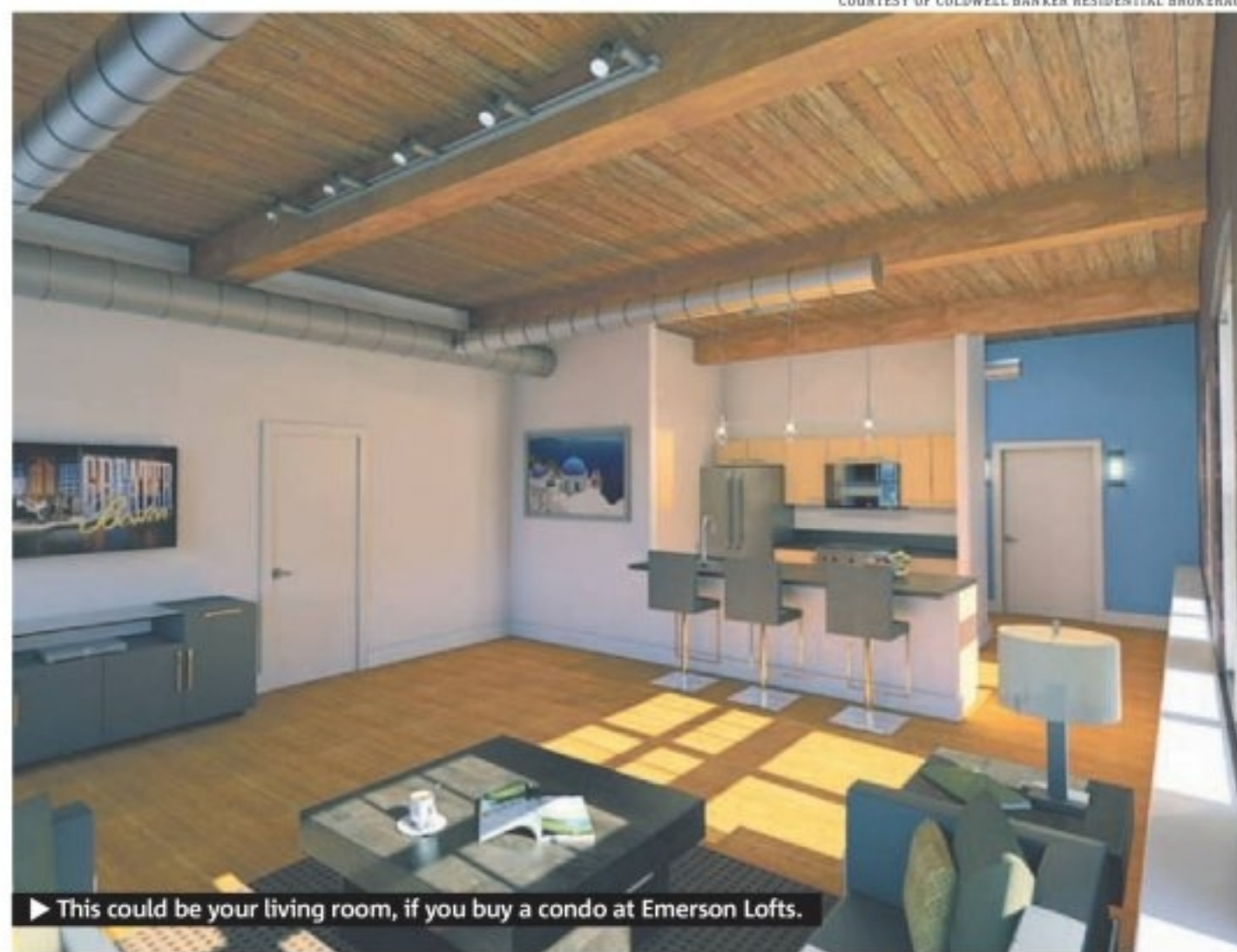
- Units range from 1,038 to 2,191 square feet.
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polio patients and moved out in 2007 after 70 years in operation. Developers are converting the factory to maintain the character from the brick, heavy timbers and high ceilings. High-end finishes will be included and partitions will be erected to create two- and three-bedroom units.

Approximately 10 percent of the materials will be recycled products, and the building will be constructed to meet the federal LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified standard, says Drapkin. The condos range in price from \$440,000 to \$770,000.

Construction is expected to be complete by April.

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